



**South Dakota State Fair Commission
Minutes**
September 3, 2020 • 9 AM
Nordby Exhibit Hall



1. **Call to Order: Chairman** Dusty Anderson called the meeting to order. The roll call was called, and a quorum was present.

Members present: Dusty Anderson, Tom Harmon (via phone), Scott Cordts, Amanda Stade, Denise Muntefering, Jamie White, Jo Beal, Sherman Gose, Erin Yost, Faron Wahl, Jo Beal, and Justin Bell.

Members absent: Loren Noess and Gary Sharp.

Others present: Peggy Besch, Manager, Jason Coenan, Security Superintendent.

2. **Agenda Additions/Changes:** None.
3. **Approval of July 21, 2020 Minutes:** Motion to approve was made by Yost, seconded by Gose; motion carried by roll call vote.
4. **Open Forum:** None
5. **2020 State Fair Updates**
 - a. **Health and safety measures:** Besch explained measures are being taken to reduce the risk of exposure to COVID-19, while encouraging self-responsibility and self-awareness. The following safety measures are being implemented:
 - Signage throughout the grounds and at the gates in different languages reminding people to social distance, encourage mask wearing, stay home if not feeling well, wash your hands, etc.
 - Additional hand washing stations and portable hand sanitizing dispensers strategically placed throughout the grounds
 - Benches and picnic tables spread out
 - An increase in cleaning and sanitizing high touchpoint areas
 - b. **Vending:** Approximately 85% of vendors confirmed with several new vendors.
 - c. **Camping:** All camping reservations are confirmed although some people will choose to not attend this year. There are places to camp for dry camping.
 - d. **Entertainment:** Besch provided an overview of entertainment scheduled in the grandstand.
 - e. **Equestrian Events:** Timed Event Rodeo has been moved into the grandstand. Team Roping moved to North Arena, and new this year will be Draft Horse Soccer Tournament.
 - f. **Tap Haus Ribbon Cutting:** Thursday, September 3, 3pm.
 - g. **FFA Ag Adventure Center:** Besch reviewed some of the new activities and exhibits taking place this year.
 - h. **Commissioner assignments:** Members reviewed assignment list.
 - i. **Other:** None.
6. **Commissioner or Manager Reports:** None.
7. **Adjournment**